GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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ELEPHANT PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have launched Elephant Project in the recent past to save endangered species and sanctioned about Rs.5 crore to each State Government under the same;

(b) if so, whether the project has been grounded due to non-cooperation of various State Governments;

(c) if so, the action taken by the Union Government to remedy the situation; and

(d) the details of other projects launched to save endangered species alongwith progress made so far in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Project Elephant was launched in February 1992 specifically to protect elephant and its habitat. Central assistance to the tune of Rs. 46.68 crore has been given so far under this Project to 18 States Governments.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Other schemes launched by Government of India for providing financial assistance to State Governments for protection of endangered species and the financial progress made so far during the 9th Five Year Plan are as follows:

Sl.No.	Scheme	Financial Progress (Rs. in Crore)
1.	Project Tiger	68.10
2.	Development of National Parks & Sanctuaries	70.01
3.	Central Zoo Authority	32.44
4.	Ecodevelopment in and around Protected Areas	40.57
5.	Beneficiary Oriented Tribal Development	11.96
	Total	223.08